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9.	Himachal Pradesh	696.18
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	5223.49
11.	Jharkhand	2806.38
12.	Karnataka	19127.82
13.	Kerala	8841.68
14.	Madhya Pradesh	16753.50
15.	Maharashtra	41769.58
16.	Manipur	496.06
17.	Meghalaya	573.55
18.	Mizoram	860.00
19.	Nagaland	658.55
20.	Orissa	3525.00
21.	Punjab	3679.39
22.	Rajasthan	12773.62
23.	Sikkim	508.40
24.	Tamil Nadu	25065.57
25.	Tripura	877.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	39387.95
27.	Uttaranchal	1079.00
28.	West Bengal	34311.00

Affairs of HUDCO

2158. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there had been misappropriation and irregularities in sanctioning of loans and waiving of loan by HUDCO during the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Rs. 550 crores of loans of a company were waived off without valid reasons;

(d) whether Government are also aware that on a single day more than Rs. 5000 crores were sanctioned to 35 companies by HUDCO violating the rules and regulations; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARISELJA): (a) to (e) Centre for Public Interest Litigaton, a Non-Governmental Organisation, has filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court of India alleging irregularities in sanctioning of loans etc. The matter is sub-judice.

Rise in Urban Unemployment

†2159. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that urban unemployment has grown steadily inspite for launching Swama Jayanti Urban Employment scheme, for the last few years;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to create more employment opportunities;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to meet these challenges keeping in view the unemployment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) As per employment and unemployment rounds of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), the estimated number of unemployed has increased from 20.13 million in 1994-99 to 26.58 million in 1999-2000. Tenth Five Year Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities. To create employment potential, the Tenth Five Year Plan has identified the labour intensive sector and sub-sectors for development *viz.* agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism information technology, financial sector, education and health.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation it already implementing a Centrally sponsored, employment oriented, Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, through States/Union Territories, with effect from 1.12.1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studied

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.